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
Enclosed herewith are JP 5-128253 and JP 6-176177. An English abstract and Partial English translation is attached for JP 5-128253. An English abstract is attached for JP 6-176177 which is a counterpart of U.S. Patent 5,636,150. Applicants request that these references be placed in the record of the above-captioned application, under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i). It is believed that separate consideration of these references is not necessary.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this IDS, he is requested to contact the undersigned. If it is determined that this IDS has been filed under the wrong rule, the PTO is requested to consider this IDS under the proper rule and charge the appropriate fee to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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